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Application No. Applicant(s) 09/981.414 RIBEIRO ET AL. Notice of Abandonment Examiner **Art Unit** F. Daniel Lopez 3745 -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--This application is abandoned in view of: 1. Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on _____. (a) A reply was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of ____ month(s)) which expired on ___ (b) A proposed reply was received on ____, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CRF 1.113 (a) to the final rejection. (A proper reply under 37 CRF 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the

Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
(c) ☐ No reply has been received.
2. Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
(a) The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance.
(b) The submitted fee of \$ is insufficient. A balance of \$ is due.
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$ The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$
(c) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
3. Applicant's failure to timely file new formal drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
(a) Proposed new formal drawings were received on (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
(b) The proposed new formal drawings filed on are not acceptable and the period for reply has expired.
(c) ☐ No proposed new formal drawings have been received.
I. The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
5. The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.

A Notice of Appeal was filed a month after the rejection, but it was not followed up with an Appeal Brief.

6. The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on ____ and because the period for seeking court review

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7. The reason(s) below:

of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.